

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as amended and in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 10-12 and 14-18 are currently active in this case. Claim 10 has been amended by the current amendment. No new matter has been amended.

In the outstanding office action, claims 10-12, 14-15, 17, and 18 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0105641 to Lewis in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,067,532 to Gebb; and claim 16 was rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lewis in view of Gebb and U.S. Patent No. 5,689,503 to Wada.

Claim 10 is directed to a data processing apparatus including, among other things, means for generating ticket transmission data based on ticket printing data and transaction data of processed product sales data; and means for temporarily storing the product sales transaction data and for transferring the ticket transaction data immediately to an external computer upon receipt by data reception means.

The Official Action concedes on page 3 that Lewis does not explicitly disclose processing ticket printing objective action with a higher priority relative to the processing of the product sales. Applicants agree. However, the Official Action further asserts that Gebb teaches processing ticket printing data with a higher priority relative to the processing of product sales.

However, Applicants respectfully point out that neither Lewis nor Gebb teaches the newly added features of claim 10, namely, means for temporarily storing the transaction data based on processed product sales data and for transferring ticket transaction data immediately to an external computer upon receipt by data reception means. Gebb merely teaches delaying a seller of a ticket from receiving credit for the resale of a ticket until after the ticket has been

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redistributed to the buyer. Further, no structure is identified in Gebb for implementing this consignment process. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that Lewis does not anticipate or render obvious the subject matter defined by claim 10 when considered alone or in combination with Gebb.

Consequently, no further issues are believed to be outstanding and the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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